



STATE OF UTAH
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Mr. Thomas G. Wardell
Commissioner, Uintah County Commission
1340 West 2000 South
Vernal, Utah 84078

Dear Mr. Wardell:

Re: Permitting Requirements for Uintah County Tar Sand Operation, Township 4 South, Range 21 East, Sections 30 and 31, Uintah County, Utah

On October 1, 1985 I sent you a letter requesting that a completed Form MR-1 for the above noted mining operation be submitted to this office. To date there has been no response from Uintah County.

Under Utah Code Annotated 40-8-12, before any operator shall commence mining operations, or continue mining operations, the operator shall file with the Division a separate Notice of Intention for each individual operation. Operator is defined as any person, corporation, association, partnership etc., or other organization either public or private. Thus Uintah County is not exempt from the requirements to permit mining operations with the Division by virtue of being a public entity.

Enclosed you will find Form MR-1 which must be completed and returned to the Division. Failure to do so will force the Division to go before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining with an Order to Show Cause as to why the above referenced operation should not be required to cease operations and undergo immediate and final reclamation. Please assure that the completed MR-1 reaches the Division no later than February 6, 1987.

Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

L. P. Braxton
Administrator
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and Reclamation Program

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